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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 3. Despite the weather not being the best, I hope everyone had a great holiday and spent some quality time together as a family. This term has started with a busy two weeks with, our Matariki Festival breakfast, Year 6 Open Evening, school cross country and also a parent evening focused around our 'Navigating the Journey' health programme. Things don't slow down with a number of big events including our school showcase, and 'Sports Camp' in Matamata. I look forward to seeing the many student successes over the next term.

It has been great to see the students come back for term 3 with a new sense of excitement. For many of us, it feels like we are starting the year all over again after such a disrupted start to the year due to Covid-19. It is important that we all continue to be vigilant with personal hygiene practises and we will continue to remind our learners to wash and dry their hands and to use hand sanitiser regularly and to cough or sneeze into their elbows. Thank you for supporting us by keeping your children home when they are sick. We noticed a huge increase in the common cold amongst many of our learners and our staff near the end of term 2.

### Teacher Only Days 2020

On Monday 31st August we will be holding a teacher only day where our staff will be working with an outside expert around our local curriculum design. We are letting you know this now so that you can make arrangements as the school will be closed on this day.

There will be a second teacher only day on Tuesday 27th October (which is the day after Labour Day holiday). Thank you for your support around this.

### Parent Interviews Evening

A reminder we have Parent Learning Conferences scheduled for 4th and 5th of August. We have an online booking system for your convenience. This will allow you to choose a time for the interview which suits you. Please go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter the event code **7dnzp**. You then need to follow the on-screen instructions to make your booking. If you are unable to use the on-line booking system, please ring the school on 4446582 to make an appointment.

### Enrolments for 2021

Term 3 is our busy term for working with the local community to get our Year 6 students enrolled at GIS. Our annual Open Evening (for 2021 prospective students and parents) was held on Wednesday 29th July and we have school tours scheduled for 17th, 18th and 19th August (contact the school office to book a time - 9.30am, 11.00am, 2pm).

If you have another child, or know of neighbours that have children that may attend GIS next year, please check this newsletter or the school website for enrolment details. Alternatively please contact the school office for information. It is hoped all enrolments for 2021 will be received by the 2nd September. This deadline is important to ensure we can plan for 2021 accordingly.



GIS School App



### GIS is a PB4L School

Our purpose is to encourage students to take responsibility for themselves by providing a consistent, positive approach to behaviour.

**At GIS we value:**

- ◆ Respect
- ◆ Responsibility
- ◆ Relationships
- ◆ Resilience

### **2020 Upcoming Dates**

**Tuesday, 4 August**  
3.15pm—5.15pm  
Learning Conferences

**Wednesday, 5 August**  
12.30pm  
School lessons finish early for  
Learning Conferences

**Wednesday, 5 August**  
1.15pm—7.30pm  
Learning Conferences

**Monday, 10 August 6.15pm**  
Board of Trustees' meeting

**17, 18, 19 August,**  
9.30am, 11am, 2pm  
School Tours

**Thursday, 20 August**  
ICAS—Science

**Monday, 31 August**  
Teacher Only Day

**Road safety**

Student safety is an issue that we take very seriously, and there are some unsafe behaviours occurring around the school gate at drop off and pick up time. There are two key issues that need to be addressed by the community to ensure the safety of all our students.

1. There is to be NO stopping or parking on yellow lines.
2. NO cars are allowed inside the school grounds to drop off or pick up a student. Please drop off and pick up outside the school grounds.

**Year 8 student visit to Glenfield College**

On Friday 24th July all our year 8 students visited Glenfield College for the day to experience what a day at college is all about. The students had an amazing day and came back to GIS with a real buzz about starting high school. A special thank you to Mr McKinley (Principal) and his team at GC.



**Celebrating student success and achievement**

At the school assembly, teachers nominate students to receive a Principal's Award based around our school values. Congratulations to the following students who received a Principal's Award at assembly today. They were recognised for showing Respect .

Olivia H, Rm 1  
 Mieko F, Rm 2  
 Athena L, Rm 4  
 Jia N, Rm 5  
 Marli E, Rm 8  
 Joan T, Rm 10  
 Nicole K, Rm 12  
 Shania L, Rm 13  
 Troy S, Rm 36  
 Derek W, Rm 37  
 Jack Z, ESOL  
 Emma S, Performing Arts  
 Marli E, Performing Arts  
 Calanha Te T-T, Food Tech  
 Annabelle B, Visual Art  
 Millie E, Visual Art  
 Vaha V, Hard Tech  
 Colleen T, Digital Media  
 Curtis N, Road Patrol/Travelwise

Mana K, Rm 1  
 Jaide C, Rm 3  
 Callum P, Rm 4  
 Audrey P, Rm 6  
 Katalina U, Rm 8  
 Ioane S, Rm 11  
 Emily C, Rm 12  
 Jack R, Rm 35  
 Ilija A, Rm 36  
 Hunter P, Learning Hub  
 Zijun X, ESOL  
 Sean J, Performing Arts  
 Colleen T, Food Tech  
 Sayuri S, Food Tech  
 Eirene C, Visual Art  
 Jhanna Q, Hard Tech  
 Hundo P, Hard Tech  
 Hillary T, Digital Media  
 Zoe C, Road Patrol/Travelwise

Eirene C, Rm 2  
 Mark R, Rm 3  
 Anyada W, Rm 5  
 Darren B, Rm 6  
 Stephan S, Rm 10  
 Oliver S, Rm 11  
 Miguel C, Rm 13  
 Henry S, Rm 35  
 Chloe D G, Rm 37  
 Layla N, Learning Hub  
 Madison P, Performing Arts  
 Sidd M, Performing Arts  
 Faitale M, Food Tech  
 Kafoa M, Food Tech  
 Camille B, Visual Art  
 Israel P, Hard Tech  
 Annika G, Digital Media

**Ngā mihi**  
**Mark Whitford**  
**Principal**

## Matariki Festival Breakfast

What a great way to start a morning at GIS. On Wednesday last week we had our whanau breakfast with great kai. Thank you to all the families and students that attended.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES



**BELONG**  
**STRIVE**  
**SUCCEED**



**OPEN EVENING**  
**Wednesday 5th August**  
6PM-8PM [www.gc.ac.nz](http://www.gc.ac.nz)



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